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Family knew K-State student was victim of foul play

By Shelton Burch the Collegian

Nora Najera, surrogate mother to Jordan Forbit, 18, who was found dead in an SUV across the street from a residence hall on Nov. 20, 2013, said she knew Forbit was a victim of foul play before the police announced it.

"His wallet being missing and his phone being missing was odd to us, and it was odd to me immediately," Najera said.

Gregory "Rory" Melvin Haug Jr., 21, was arrested by the Riley County Police Department Saturday and charged with involuntary manslaughter in connection with the case, according a Topeka Capital Journal article published Tuesday.

The family was initially told "No foul play was involved" but did not believe it because he was found without his wallet and cell phone, according to the Facebook page "Justice For Jordan." The group has over 2,000 members

Najera said the family knew Forbit's death had not been suicide in part because of comments made on WIBW articles which suggested someone else had given him a dose of heroine. There was also the fact that, after his death, the phone was still in use, according to the Facebook page.

"His phone that we learned through phone bills was used to dial 911 and various other numbers after he had already passed away," the page said.

Najera said people often tend to look at the victim negatively in instances of overdose, even if the victim ends up proving innocent, and she wants to keep that from happening in Forbit's case.

"I want people to know Jordan from before," Najera said. "Everything he did athletically, he was amazing."

Najera released a statement on behalf of the family Thursday.

"We are so thankful and grateful that we are on the path of justice," Najera said. "We could like to thank all the agencies that were involved in getting us to this point, and we'd like to thank everyone for their love and support in this time and in the days to come."

The K-State Police Department declined to comment because the case has now been referred to the Riley County District Attorney's office. The Riley County District Attorney could not be reached immediately for comment.

State, national talking points

By Chloe Creager the collegian

Russia reinforced a stealth invasion on Ukraine

In an effort to further strengthen pro-Russia revolts in eastern Ukraine, Russia sent reinforcements of armored troops across the countries' border in order to gain further control of a larger Ukrainian section on Aug. 27, according to a New York Times article published Wednesday.

This movement, said to include five armored personnel carriers, was at least the third reinforcement that Russia used this week to weaken the momentum of the countering Ukrainian forces.

"Russia is clearly trying to put its finger on the scale to tip things back in favor of its proxies," said an anonymous senior American official in the article. "Artillery barrages and other Russian military actions have taken their toll on the Ukranian military."

These military movements had the distinct possibility of discouraging any hope that the Russian-Ukraine conflict was nearing an end. Russia has denied that it is aiding the insurgents.

President Obama eschews talk of military strike against Syria

President Barack Obama has denied allegations of planned military action against Syria, stating that, "We don't have a strategy yet," for helping take down the violent military group ISIL, in a Kansas First News article Thursday.

Before convening a meeting of his national security advisers about options for confronting the Islamic State group, he said his strategy would require more than military action. He called for more political support from other Middle Eastern nations, saying they need to stop being ambivalent about the goals of groups such as ISIL.

Obama also said his main priority is countering the group's gains in Iraq, and that he would consult with members of Congress before taking military action. However, he has not yet committed to seeking a vote from Congress.

Tony Stewart is returning to race track after striking and killing another driver

Tony Stewart will make his return to competing in the Sprint Cup on Sunday, his first race since he hit and killed fellow racer Kevin Ward, Jr., according to a Kansas First article published Thursday.

Stewart has taken a three-race hiatus since Aug. 9, the night of the accident. Stewart-Haas Racing Executive Vice President Brett Frood said the return is on Stewart's own terms, stating that the team had put no time table on his return to racing, to ensure he would be mentally prepared when he did.

New York's Ontario County Sheriff Philip Povero has said that there is no evidence to support any criminal intent on Stewart's part, and no charges have been filed.

Public nudity legal in Kansas

Several Topeka citizens were perturbed when they viewed a naked man walking the streets of the city, but were even more upset when they discovered that there was nothing the police could do. This is because walking nude in public is not illegal in the state of Kansas, according to a WIBW article published Monday.

"Unless someone is exposing themselves (in a sexual manner), it's really not anything against the law," Shawnee County Sheriff Herman Jones said.

Several state legislators were contacted by 13 News about the statute, but only one was even remotely familiar with it.

Union Expo and Activities Carnival showcase



Mauricio Caldera | The Collegian

Representatives of various K-State student organizations talk to potential recruits in the Union Ballroom on Thursday for the Union Expo and Activities Carnival. The carnival overtook all three floors of the Union.

By Shelton Burch the Collegian

hursday night, the K-State Student Union was host to approximately 220 student organizations for the Union Expo and Activities Carnival. Even with maps to assist in navigating the maze of booths and displays, there's a chance that some groups could have been overlooked by passersby.

Here are a few organizations that students might have missed:

Pinky Promise KSU

Located at table 180 near Caribou Coffee, Pinky Promise KSU's table was filled with white and pink.

Sarah Hall, senior in life sciences with pre-occupational therapy, said this is the Christian based, women-only group's first semester on campus as a chapter. Its mission is to raise awareness against dysfunctional relationships through functions open to both men and women. Hall said the group has an open-door policy for anyone who, "wants to get to know the Lord."

Mock Trial Club

Located next to Pinky Promise at table 181, was the Mock Trial Club. Hale Weirick, senior in economics, said the group

placed in the top 25 in the nation in 2013 after competing in the national championships.

"Last year was our first year to go to nationals, we went to nationals in Orlando, Florida," said Arielle Monroe, senior in communication studies and president of the club. "We are the best competition team in Kansas, literally."

Monroe said the group is open to anyone, and is particularly good for those interested in acting or in law.

Project Universe

A new organization on campus, Project Universe was located at a table outside the Union Ballroom on the second floor.

"Each year we pick different organizations that are already established and we do educational fundraising," Morgan Breen, junior in life sciences, said. "We donate the money to (the chosen organizations) at the end of the semester."

K-State Canterbury

Located within the Union Ballroom was The K-State Canterbury Club. The group is campus-ministry affiliated with the episcopal church, and operates out of St. Francis Canterbury House (1823 Laramie St.), said Olivia Divish, senior in hotel and restaurant management.

The group serves a free community breakfast on Tuesday mornings at Saint Paul's Episcopal Church (601 Poyntz Ave.), in addition to services on Sunday at the church.

On The Spot Improve

Located along the wall opposite the entrance was the On The Spot Improv

"Not only do we provide a unique form of entrainment by making it up and trying to make it up, we're like the only ones on campus doing it," Michael Lee, junior in animal sciences, said.

Lee said the art of what the club does in on-the-spot improvisation. A "show" consists of when the club asks the audience for a topic suggestion, then they make it up on the spot. Shows are every Thursday night in Salsarita's.

Pipe Band

Ian Ferguson, freshman in political science, said he decided eight years ago to play the bagpipes, which led to the start of K-State's Pipe Band.

"I thought, 'What would be cooler than having a pipe band at K-State?'" Ferguson said. "I was offered to scholarships at other universities across the nation, and I turned them down because not only were they too expensive, but I love K-State too much."

Ferguson said he hopes to expand the group, and is currently seeking drummers to play the snare drum, the bass drum and the tenor drum.

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Wednesday, Aug. 27

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Jamie Leigh Donaldson, of 7310 Redbud Drive, was

booked for felony theft. Bond was set at \$2,000.

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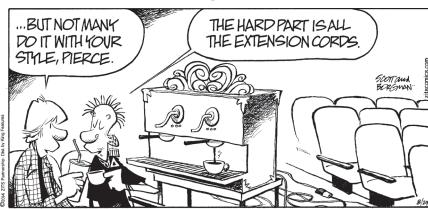
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Tips on how to decorate your dorm to make it feel like home



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Lisa Owsley, junior in bakery science, made her room in Boyd Hall more homey by supplying furnishings from her room back home and covering the walls around her desk with photos of friends and

By Som Kandlur THE COLLEGIAN

For many students, a dorm room serves as home base; it's where they cram in study time, where they unwind, where they crash after a long day (or night). With so much activity centered around these living spaces, being creative with its design and layout can make it a more welcoming environment that helps foster a positive residence hall

Get personal

experience.

ing back to a generic dorm room can be hard to adjust to. Fix this by filling your room with things that make you feel at home.

"I brought stuff from my actual room at home so my room looks homey," Lisa Owsley, junior in bakery science, said.

Though Owsley decorated her space with several lamps, pillows, books and movies from home, what stands out most is a wall of pictures that line her desk.

"For me, pictures are one

of the big things," Owsley said. "I love pictures; I have all these photo albums at home so I just like those in my room. It's the people that I'm close to and who mean a lot to me. The others are pictures that have memories that are special for some reason."

Another way of really personalizing your room is to decorate it in a manner that showcases your unique personality.

"Since I was born in New Zealand, I have two New Zealand flags," Emily Eilert, sophomore in public relations, said. 'What I did was I got command hooks and command strips, and stuck my New Zealand flags on the wall to create more of a decorative space."

Get crafty

One of the best ways to making your dorm room your own is to break out the arts-andcrafts box. Arts and crafts fit this category perfectly because it gives you freedom to create things that you can identify with. Additionally, the crafts can serve as great gifts for your roommates.

"I live in a suite with two other people," Keeley George, freshman in anthropology, said. "So, when I was in town,

I bought wooden letters that were the first letters of their first names. I painted it purple and hot glued jewels all over them and set them on their desk for a little surprise."

Improvise

Getting crafty and bringing stuff from home might take a while. In the meantime, try improvising with what you have on hand to make your room look colorful while you figure out how you want to decorate.

"It took me a while to add stuff to my cork board, so I bought chevron fabrics and put it on my board so it was still cute until I was able to fill it," Clarissa Weers, sophomore in mass communications, said.

Basic materials like fabrics and card stock cost run pretty inexpensive at Hobby Lobby. These can be great materials to make your corner of the room stand out, like for backgrounds to stick and pin additional items to as the year goes on.

No one likes a barren room, and personalizing it makes it a lot more welcoming. Using some basic, easy-to-do steps can transform them into a means of showcasing your creativity and personality.

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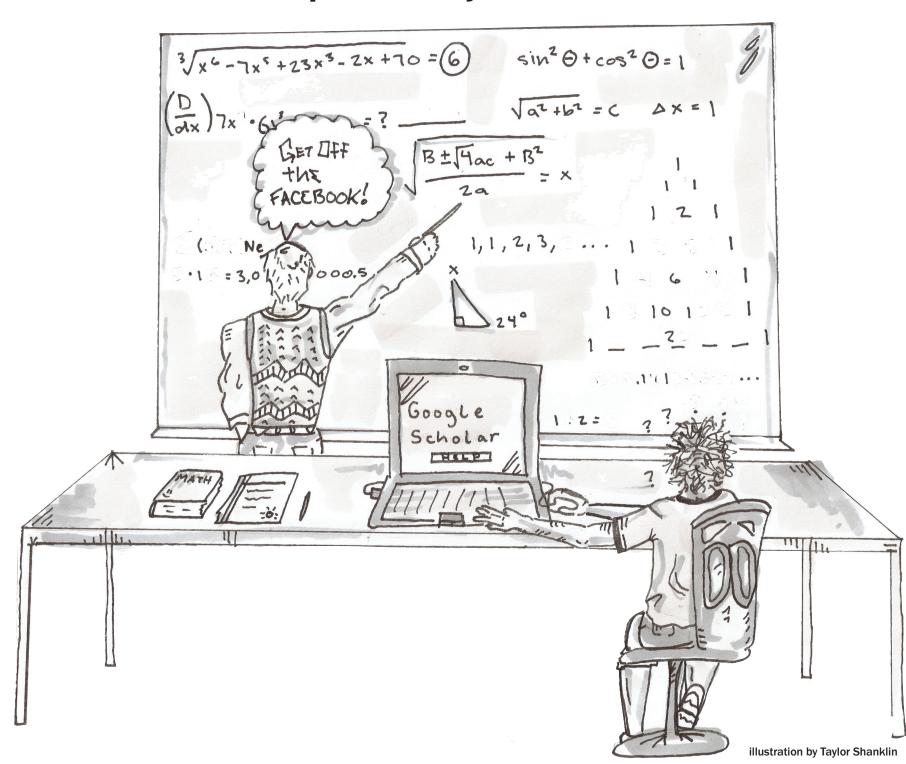


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Disney-themed paint chips on the closet door continue the multicolored polka-dot theme exhibited in

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Electronics are responsibility of students, not teachers





My laptop comes everywhere with me. It comes with me to both work where it gets scratched, and on vacation where it gets a frightening dent. It goes online with me, from studying the history of the Republican party for a research paper and to learning how to incorporate handfasting into a wedding, because sometimes it's hard to stop following

But the one place it goes every day is into the classroom, and where it connects from there is my business only. Some teachers, especially in lectures, discourage the use of laptops or check out what a student is viewing. I believe this is an invasion of privacy and ultimately unhelpful to a student's career.

Typical laptop usage in a class-room ranges from taking notes on Word documents, OneNote lists and Powerpoint slides. However, no one can deny that sometimes it just isn't enough. Lecture halls aren't always the engaging, illuminating method of delivery that some believe they are. I've had this problem since I learned to read – I want to know more. I want to Google new case studies or take the test or quiz the teacher mentioned. If a teacher doesn't provide the stimulation I want, I go looking for it.

From a purely economic standpoint, it's the way I want to spend my money. The average cost of a threehour class at K-State for an in-state student is \$973.75. Divided into 28 sessions for a class meeting Tuesdays and Thursdays, where boredom surfing is more likely since the classes are longer, it's \$34.77 per class.

If I don't feel like I'm getting

roughly \$35 worth of information, discussion, understanding or growth out of that day, why not seek it elsewhere? I want to see new content and viewpoints, graphics and expanded horizons. A classmate of mine used his phone a few days ago to ask a professor an ethics question after searching for more information about a certain historical figure. I remember that the most out of that entire lecture. To curtail this sort of non-traditional learning increases the likelihood that students won't make their own personal connections to the material.

I'm not going to pretend all of my extracurricular Googling is for the greater scholastic good. I also check my social media and read the news. College students lead some of the most stressful lives in the U.S., and we continue to look down on them for taking breaks. The Massachusetts Institute of Technology's Center for Academic Excellence suggests the most effective studying is done in one-hour blocks. The breaks might actually be productive if spaced efficiently during class time. The added

stress of students hiding what they're doing or worrying about the teacher seeing them doesn't allow for a learning environment where everyone is relaxed, which only further distances students from the material.

However, this freedom means an increase in responsibility for grades. Taking charge of the information absorbed also increases the duty of sifting through and making sense of it. It's not just a personal laptop either: checking Twitter over someone's shoulder and taking notes at the same time can be just as distracting as reading your own feed. Former teaching assistant and education columnist Rebecca Schuman wrote in Slate Magazine she feels banning laptops

creates a "13th grade classroom."

"Policing the (otherwise non-disruptive) behavior of students further infantilizes these 18-to-22-year-olds," Schuman said. "Already these students are hand-held through so many steps in the academic process: I check homework; I give quizzes about the syllabus to make sure they've actually read it ... these practices also serve as

giant, scholastic water wings for people who should really be swimming by now."

If you need a 3.5 GPA and you haven't looked up from your screen all semester, you won't find help from the instructor very easily. Your professor has the right to bump you to the bottom of the list during packed office hours or mark you harshly on essays that cover topics from the lecture. Instructors are justified in their annovance when they present information and their students don't listen, then ask them to explain it later. As adults, we should be able to judge what needs our full attention and what can just stay open in the next window while we check SportsCenter. When teachers don't receive respect, students won't get it back. Balance your time wisely to make the most of your electronics and your learning.

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Ferguson reveals larger issue of racial inequality, we should all be upset



The shooting of Michael Brown and the events that followed in Ferguson, Missouri highlight a very real racial divide in the U.S. Despite gains made by various civil rights movements, African-Americans still fall behind their caucasian counterparts in terms of economics and crime.

Black full-time workers

have a median weekly earning of \$649 compared to whites who make \$802, according to the latest quarterly report by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Furthermore, the wealth gap continues to increase. From 1983 to 2010, the average wealth for white families was almost six times those of

African-American families, according to Federal Reserve data analyzed by the Urban

The unemployment rate for whites with no high school diploma was 9.7 percent, according to the BLS. Compare that to the 20.5 percent unemployment rate for blacks with no diploma; it's more than double.

The Bureau of Justice Statistics reported that more than 39 percent of the prison and jail population is black. This is a huge disparity, as African-Americans only make up 13 percent of the U.S. population, according to the U.S.

In 2013, Ferguson police made nearly 5,400 stops, according to the Office of the Missouri Attorney General. Of those, more than 4,600 of those stopped were African-American. Even ignoring that, the town of Ferguson has a population of just over 21,000. That means a resident of Ferguson of any race has a 25 percent chance of being stopped by

The streets of Ferguson

weren't filled with people upset about one black man shot by the police, they were upset about another black man shot by the police. It wasn't a spontaneous reaction to an isolated event, rather, it was the result of years of excessive policing and political apathy.

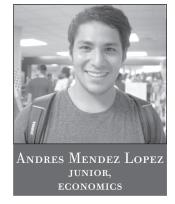
A large part of the issue is in thinking this is exclusively a racial problem. It's not. It's an American problem. The shooting of Michael Brown will work itself out in court. The larger issues of racial inequality will not.

As Americans of any color, we should all be outraged by any denial of rights or equality to any fellow American. On paper, we're all classified by race. In reality, we all have family, friends, neighbors and classmates from all ethnic backgrounds. I don't know any African-Americans, whites, Hispanics or Asians; I know people.

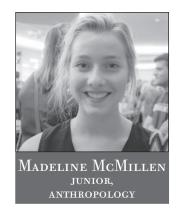
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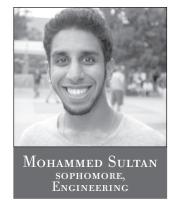
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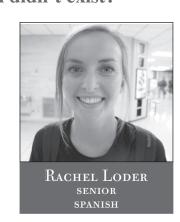
"I believe that socks are not necessary for human survival. Instead, I would create shoes for any type of weather."



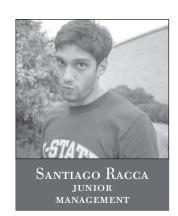
"T-shirts with direct statements about one's personality. Example: I don't want to be here right now."



"Police uniforms. Once you see it, you panic!"



"I think society is addicted to pants."



"Bow ties just look plain stupid."

Serving up Phoenix, Coyotes, Wildcats

By Timothy Everson THE COLLEGIAN

K-State opens up the season with a trip to cheesehead country for the Green Bay Country Inn and Suites Tournament in Green Bay, Wisconsin.

The Wildcats start the tournament off on Friday at 7 p.m. by taking on the host school, Green Fritz said the mix of youth and seniority has provided a good mix of talent and personality.

"They are loose, quirky, funny and unfocused sometimes, but they are a blast," said coach Fritz at K-State volleyball Media Day. "They are wonderful learners. The really fun thing for a coach with a young team is that in two days, you make so much progress. It's like coaching little kids. You tell them to do it like this for a couple days and get them in the right sys-



Jed Barker | the collegian

K-State senior defense specialist and libero, **Tristan McCarty**, bumps the ball during the match against TCU at Ahearn Field House on Oct. 5, 2013. The Wildcats beat the Horned Frogs, winning three out five sets.

ment against South Dakota at 10 a.m. on Saturday, then Arizona at 4:30 p.m.

Libero Tristan McCarty headlines a list of three departed seniors from last season's 18-11 squad. In turn, the team welcomes nine newcomers to the team.

K-State head coach Suzie

tem, getting them to stand in the right place, and all of a sudden, the light comes on for them."

The new season brings three returning starters with redshirt sophomore setter Katie Brand re-

Brand was named to the Big 12 preseason watch list. She was

one of two setters in the conference that was chosen.

In the past eight seasons where K-State returns a starting setter, the Wildcats average 20.1 wins per season with six of those seasons ending with a NCAA tournament appearance.

Coach Fritz also expressed her pleasure with the progess of her star redshirt sophomore setter over the offseason.

"From just the pure fact of putting (the ball) where it is supposed to go, she is significantly better," Fritz said. "That first year of setting is a lot (to take on). The window that they get to work to put that ball in - is just like a quarterback and wide receiver relationship. The window at the collegiate level is so much tighter."

K-State's first opponent Green Bay is coming off a 14-14 season, finishing third in the Horizon League. The Wildcats and the Phoenix have never met in either program's history.

Phoenix sophomore outside hitter Shannon Hurley is averaging 3.38 kills per set with a .169 hitting percentage.

For the matinee on Saturday, the Wildcats take on South Dakota Coyotes who are coming off a 19-13 season. K-State leads the series with South Dakota 3-0, of which were all on the Wildcats' home

The Coyotes are led by senior outside hitter Kendall Kritenbrink, who is averaging 4.46 kills per game and .242 hitting percentage.

Finally, the Wildcats wrap up the tournament some Wildcats from the southwest, i.e. the University of Arizona. Arizona is receiving points in the preseason AVCA Coaches Top 25 Poll, and finished last season with a 21-13 record that included a NCAA tournament second-round appear-

Arizona owns a 2-0 all-time record against K-State. Both of those matches took place in 1987.

Arizona is helmed by senior setter Penina Snuka who averages 10.14 assists per set and 2.87 digs

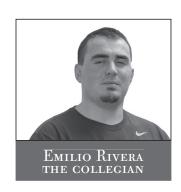
Next week, K-State returns to Manhattan to set up temporary shop in Bramlage Coliseum for the Varney's Invitational Sept.

Students new to game day: expect loud, passionate fans



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One fan crowd-surfs during the celebration following K-State's first touchdown at the K-State versus North Dakota State in Bill Snyder Family Stadium on Aug. 30, 2013.



Growing up just a short drive down I-70, I had experienced many games before becoming a Wildcat. Not one of those games came close to the experience of being a student in the student section.

There's a reason that the student section at Bill Snyder Family Stadium is said to be one of the best in the nation. With seats on the east side of the stadium directly behind the opposing teams bench, be prepared to be part of all the action because the seats really do live up to their billing as the best student section seating in the Big 12. The student section is a huge reason why opposing coaches say that this is one of the most difficult stadiums to play in.

While we're talking about seating, remember that the earlier that you arrive at the game, the better seats you will get. If you arrive at the game an hour or two ahead, you will be in pretty good position to get good seat, any earlier than that and you will be pushing it.

Remember, a part of the fun that football season brings is being able to enjoy the festivities before games. Whether it's getting pumped up at the dorms or tailgaiting outside the stadium, enjoying the festivities is a part of the fun as a first time fan.

Another important thing to remember about the festivities, whether before or during the games, is to make new friends with some of the thousands of students surrounding you.

Even if you go to the games alone, it's easy to meet new people around you. Remember, by the start of the game you'll forget who's around you with all the high-fiving, yelling and Wabashing that's happening.

If you haven't already, learn the various chants, hand-gestures and motions that come with Wildcat football. The Wabash Cannonball is one of the trademarks of being a Wildcat fan, and is something that every student needs to know to enjoy their time in the stands. Whether you learn it before the game, or on the fly, you'll definitely have enough chances to master it by the end of your first game.

Most of all, remember to enjoy your first experiences as a member of the loud and passionate student section

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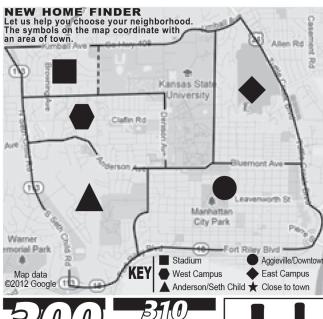
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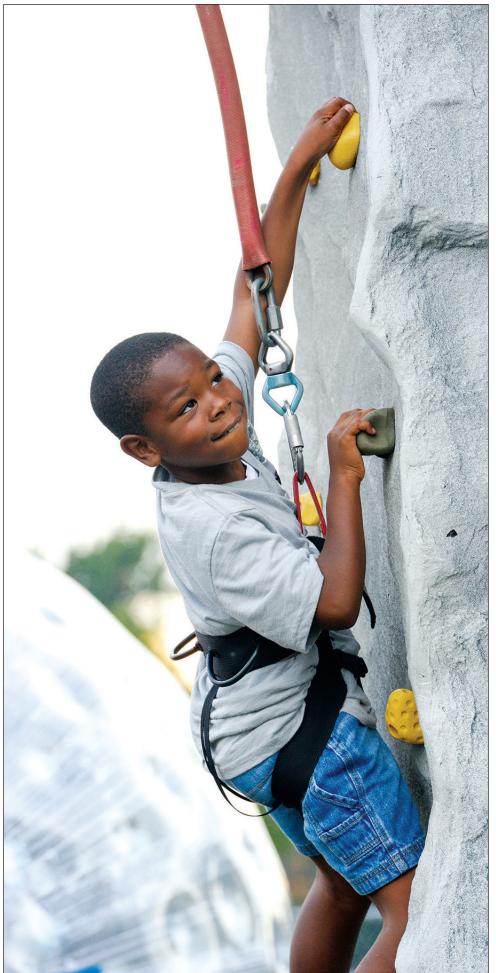
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 $Rodney\ Dimick\ |\ The\ collegian$ ABOVE: **Ackton Lu**, 2, goes down a inflatable slide at Purple Power Play in the Park on Thursday evening.

BOTTOM LEFT: Curious children gather around a snake at Purple Power Play in the Park Aug. 28, 2014.

LEFT: A boy climbs on the rock wall at Purple Power Play in the Park on Thursday.

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BELOW: **Rowan Minton**, 2-year-old Manhatan resident, pets a blue heeler at Purple Power Play in the Park on Thursday at Manhattan City Park. The Manhattan Fire Department gave out plastic fire hats to many people who attended.

BOTTOM RIGHT: **Trewman Haub**, 7-year-old Manhattan resident, tosses a football attempting to win a powercat tattoo at Purple Power Play in the Park on Thursday.











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